—There is difficulty in connecting the premises where telephone is to be provided to the exchange due to shortage of cable pairs.

(b) A few individual complaints have been received in this regard.

(c) All CGMs have been made personally responsible for adherence of the 30 days limit in respect of feasible cases and to carry out periodical monitoring in respect of technically not feasible cases until they become feasible.

Shifting of telephones under Exchange No. 228 and 229

1986. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of shifting of telephones under exchange Nos. 228 and 229 which are pending as on date; and

(b) the date since when these are pending and when these are to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, 67 number of OBs for shifting of telephones are pending under exchange Nos. 228 and 229 in MTNL, Delhi. Details of the above pending cases are given below:

1. Technically not feasible due to cable pairs not available.	—39
2. Pending due to customer reasons	—12
3. Work in progress	—16

(b) The oldest shift case is dated 19.5.1995 which is pending due to paucity of cable pairs. All the non-feasible cases are likely to be cleared by end of April, 1994.

Manufacture of telephone equipments at Indian telephone industries

1987. SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has chalked out any plan for updating and modernising the manufacture of telephone instrument and other related equipment at the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore;

(b) if so, its broad features and the capital outlay involved and how it is proposed to be raised; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, Upgradation and modernising of Telephone Instruments and other related equipments is an ongoing process in ITI.

(b) ITI is already manufacturing state of the art electronic push button telephone instruments. Plans are also on hand to introduce feature phones with additional facilities like emergency dialling, memory dialling, display of called numbers, call duration monitoring, loudspeaking etc. Cordless telephones will also be introduced in the production line shortly.

The capital outlays involved is not substantial and will be met from Internal resources.

(c) Not applicable.

Development of celullar telephone technology

1988. SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Mobile Phones set to pip cellulars at post" appearing in "The Economic Times," New Delhi dated the 23rd February 1994;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the MoU signed by Department of Telecommunications and where are the three-way Joint venture set-up; and

(c) the reasons for not attempting to develop this techonology at the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore with some foreign collaborators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No MoU has been signed.

(c) Applicatoins of Cellular technology in the Indian Telecom. Network is of very recent origin and has still not been introduced. Though ITI has started some development in the area, the project is quite complex and has a long "cycle time".

Purchase of telecom. equipments from Multi-Nationals

1989. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecommunications Department is planning to purchase the telecom equipments from multi-nationals, when the same are available with ITI and BEL in India.

(b) whether there is any price difference between the telecom equipments manufactured by ITI and BEL and the multi-national companies; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons that made the Department go in for the purchase of equipments from the multinational companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir, The Department generally procures the equipment from Indian companies registered to manufacture the equipments through open tenders.

(b) The price differs from items to item and is decided through open tenders.

(c) In view of (a) question does not arise.

Non-delivery of Posts and Telegrams in Mayur Vihar

1990. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Mayur Vihar Phase III (Kondli Gharoli) and adjoining areas of Delhi are suffering a lot due to non delivery of posts and telegrams; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) While every effort is made to maintain postal services there have been some deficiency in delivery of postal articles due to rapid housing development in many areas at the outskirts of Delhi like Mayur Vihar Phase III, Kondli and Gharoli etc. The telegraph services have, however, been found satifactory.

The remedial steps include redeployment of deliery Staff, reorganisation of delivery work and opening of a new delivery post office besides regular monitoring.

Land for staff quarters and post office at Pandharpur, Maharashtra

1991. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had reserved land for staff quarters and post office at Pandharpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the land has been acquired/purchased for the purpose:

(c) if so, by when the construction of staff quarters is proposed to be taken up; and

(d) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in acquiring/purchasing the land; stating the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The construction of Staff Quarters has not yet been planned in view of (b) above.

(d) The land reserved is in excess of the requirement. Therefore, a request